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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1967, prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 1/68.

Infectious Diseases

The number of infectious disease notifications during 1967 rose to 948, compared with 233 in 1966. This was an epidemic year for measles with 897 cases notified as against 192 the previous year.

Vital Statistics

The crude birth rate is 16·21 per thousand population, compared with 14·80 in 1966. Corrected for comparability, in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, the figure is 19·29, exceeding for the third successive year the figure for England and Wales, which was 17·20 as compared with 17·70 the previous year.

The crude death rate is 12·18 per thousand population, compared with 13·42 in 1966. The corrected death rate is 9·01, which compares favourably with the figure for England and Wales of 11·20.

The birth rate in the District was the highest since 1947, and the death rate the lowest since 1953, resulting in a natural increase of births over deaths of 204, as shown in Table II. This natural increase is the highest since 1946, and the second highest for any District in East Sussex in 1967.

Deaths from all forms of cancer rose from 104 in 1966 to 139 in 1967, which is the highest ever recorded. Cancer of the lung and bronchus, the self inflicted location of the disease, still claims a high proportion of its victims.

Untreated Milk—Brucellosis

During the year 107 samples of raw milk being retailed in the district as farm bottled tuberculin tested, were submitted for biological examination. One was found to be positive for brucella abortus, an organism responsible for a serious disease transmissible to man. The milk originated from a farm in this district and consequently a notice was served on the farmer requiring him to send the milk to be heat treated. Quarter samples were taken from the 32 cows in the herd and one cow was found to be an excretor of brucella abortus, and was removed from the milking herd. In accordance with the recommendations of Ministry of Health Circular 17/66 the remaining cows were subjected to two further tests and no further positive cultures were found. In all a total of 82 individual samples were taken, spread over a period of eight months.

Food Hygiene

The majority of food premises are maintained in a satisfactory condition, although from time to time fruit and vegetables are still displayed unprotected outside shops, until the attention of the shopkeeper is drawn to this offence against the Council's clean food byelaws. The persons responsible are invariably newcomers to the district, who always express surprise at being requested to discontinue this practice and can usually quote many examples of localities

where they have been permitted to exhibit their wares in the open air, exposed to street dust and indiscriminate handling.

A complaint was received from the purchaser of some strained beef broth baby food which was packed under vacuum in a glass jar with a metal cap. The complainant said that she opened the jar and gave half the contents to her baby in the evening and placed the jar and the remainder of the food in her refrigerator overnight. The next morning she noticed a growth of mould between the glass and the broth. The mould, from its consistency, was obviously not of recent origin, and a careful examination of the metal cap revealed a place where it had received a hard blow which had evidently broken the seal and released the vacuum. It was considered that the damage had been caused by heavy handling at some stage of distribution and the manufacturers of the product were advised of the facts so that they could take the appropriate action.

Housing Improvement Grants

Standard Grants.

During the year 94 applications were received and dealt with as under: —

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	67
		Tenanted	...	27
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		Total	...	94
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No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	7
		Tenanted	...	8
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		Total	...	15
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Sum total of Grants approved		£16,208	1s.	7d.
Number paid	79
Number repaid	6
Net amount paid	£13,427	9s. 3d.

Since the inception of the scheme in 1959, 959 applications have been approved as follows :—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	581
		Tenanted	...	378
		Total	...	959
No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	42
		Tenanted	...	49
		Total	...	91
Sum total of Grants approved		£134,971	5s.	5d.
Number paid	...	...	...	743
Number repaid	...	...	...	50
Net amount paid	...	...	£105,770	

Slum Clearance Programme

The following table shows the state of the programme commenced in January 1956.

(a)	Number of houses in programme	...	...	200
(b)	Number dealt with under Housing Acts	...	...	243
				(52 vacant)
	Number closed	...	...	44
	Number demolished	...	...	42
	Number made fit, Undertaking determined	...	...	130
(c)	Number of families rehoused	...	...	164
	Number rehoused by Council	...	...	99
(d)	Number remaining to be rehoused	...	...	27
	Number willing to be rehoused	...	...	8

Council Housing

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. S. Jeudwine, A.I.H.M.

Applications for Housing

The total number of applications on the waiting list decreased from 972 in January to 941 in December, 1967.

New Accommodation

Twenty houses were completed at Forest Row during the year and building work started on eleven bungalows at Crowborough and twelve houses and twelve flats at Uckfield.

Vacancies

The total number of vacancies in existing Council accommodation during the year was 42.

Rehousing

The number of applicants housed was 62.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

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TABLE 1

VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	112,096	acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	50,640	
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.45	
Number of hereditaments (at 31/3/68)	...	...	...	...	...	19,783	
Rateable Value (at 1/4/68)	...	...	...	...	...	£1,747,838	
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 1/4/68)	...	...	...	...	...	£6,784	

Births and Deaths.

Birth Rate (crude)	16.21	Per 1,000 Population
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	19.29
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	17.20
Death Rate (crude)	12.18	
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	9.01
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	11.20

Mothers and Infants

Live Births					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number	...	...	...	...	443	378	821
Rate per 1,000 population			16.21

Illegitimate Live Births

(per cent. of total live births)	...						6.09
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Still Births

Number	4	4	8
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			9.65

Total Live and Still Births	447	382	829
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Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)	4	9	13
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Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births			15.83
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...			15.56
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...			20.00

Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)			9.74
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)			8.53
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Perinatal Mortality Rate

(Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	18.09
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Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	NIL

Causes of Death.

					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Tuberculosis (other)	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	—	1	1

TABLE I (continued)

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	11
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	19	9	28
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	17	17
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	5	5
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	36	42	78
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	29	67	96
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	59	53	112
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	14
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	23	46	69
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	9	25	34
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	12	17	29
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	15	5	20
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	10
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	13	28	41
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	16
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	...	267	350	617

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1952-1967

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total										
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	—
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	—
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	—
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2
1960	43,780	279	271	550	10	10	20	13.02	284	276	560	12.79	7	7	14	24.56	10
1961	43,950	280	277	557	10	15	25	13.24	312	300	612	13.92	10	9	19	32.64	—
1962	44,770	334	289	623	14	12	26	14.49	303	331	634	14.16	6	2	8	12.33	15
1963	45,540	322	284	606	30	14	44	14.27	303	340	643	14.12	7	6	13	20.00	7
1964	46,000	326	307	633	21	21	42	14.67	266	318	584	12.69	6	5	11	16.30	91
1965	47,130	344	328	672	17	21	38	15.06	304	333	637	13.52	6	6	12	16.90	73
1966	48,300	349	317	666	25	24	49	14.80	313	335	648	13.42	10	—	10	14.00	67
1967	50,640	416	355	771		23	50	16.21	267	350	617	12.18	4	9	13	15.83	204

TABLE III

POPULATION FIGURES, 1958-1967. Estimated

PARISH	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
BUXTED	2,444	2,479	2,384	2,377	2,442	2,457	2,559	2,556	2,745	2,855
CROWBOROUGH	7,322	7,396	8,109	8,396	8,702	8,919	9,092	9,684	10,371	11,109
DANEHILL	1,239	1,236	1,282	1,304	1,335	1,343	1,411	1,441	1,419	1,456
FLETCING	995	983	947	923	930	947	924	918	914	945
FOREST ROW	3,407	3,554	3,519	3,481	3,544	3,588	3,558	3,643	3,733	3,873
FRAMFIELD	1,860	1,858	1,817	1,761	1,787	1,798	1,782	1,776	1,769	1,786
FRANT	1,547	1,518	1,464	1,455	1,468	1,468	1,435	1,450	1,414	1,451
HADLOW DOWN	822	810	836	812	839	833	837	839	845	857
HARTFIELD	2,024	2,034	1,992	2,023	2,013	2,043	2,092	2,112	2,075	2,157
ISFIELD	505	488	490	492	475	479	432	466	472	493
LITTLE HORSTED	195	195	203	197	196	197	203	190	201	195
MARESFIELD	2,990	3,072	3,251	3,213	3,243	3,266	3,283	3,354	3,332	3,494
MAYFIELD	3,489	3,505	3,390	3,316	3,377	3,478	3,488	3,565	3,578	3,648
ROTHERFIELD	2,824	2,800	2,771	2,758	2,789	2,822	2,825	2,870	2,871	2,983
UCKFIELD	4,398	4,457	4,327	4,376	4,475	4,585	4,620	4,710	4,951	5,521
WADHURST	4,102	4,132	3,950	3,929	3,955	4,016	4,109	4,071	4,047	4,157
WITHYHAM	3,137	3,153	3,048	3,137	3,200	3,301	3,350	3,485	3,563	3,660
† TOTALS	43,300	43,670	43,780	43,950	44,770	45,540	46,000	47,130	48,300	50,640

+ Totals are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General.

Population of each parish calculated as follows:—

Population of each parish calculated as follows:
 1958-1959 Registrar General's estimate of population for the District
 Number of occupied dwellings

Number of occupied dwellings in the District

1960-1967	Registrar General's estimate of population for the District	✓	Number of persons on Register of

Number of persons on Register of Electors

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Disease		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 years and over	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER	...	—	1	—	—	1	10	1	—	—	—	13	—
WHOOPING COUGH	...	—	1	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	8	—
MEASLES	...	20	60	108	103	131	439	22	9	5	—	897	—
DYSENTERY	...	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	1	—	7	—
		Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
PNEUMONIA	...	—	—	1	2	2	—					5	—
ERYSIPELAS	...	—	—	1	—	—	—					1	—
*FOOD POISONING	...	3	6	5	—	—	—					14	—
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	...	ALL AGES										3	3

* Analysis of Food Poisoning Notification Causative Agent — Not Known

TABLE V

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1967

PARISH	DISEASE								
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia	Total
BUXTED	—	1	19	—	—	—	—	—	20
CROWBOROUGH	6	6	422	—	1	—	2	2	439
DANEHILL	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	9
FLETCHING	3	—	7	—	1	—	6	—	17
FOREST ROW	1	—	24	3	—	—	—	—	28
FRAMFIELD	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
FRANT	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	15
HADLOW DOWN	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	1	9
HARTFIELD	—	1	73	—	—	—	—	—	74
ISFIELD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LITTLE HORSTED	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
MARESFIELD	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	5
MAYFIELD	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	19
ROTHERFIELD	—	—	97	—	3	—	—	—	100
UCKFIELD	—	—	40	—	—	—	6	—	46
WADHURST	—	—	82	—	—	—	—	—	82
WITHYHAM	2	—	76	1	—	—	—	—	79
TOTALS	13	8	897	7	5	1	14	3	948

TABLE VI

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1967

AGE GROUPS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 —14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 —24	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 —34	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 —44	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 —54	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 —64	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	5	1	—	—	2	—	—	1

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1950-1967

TABLE VII

YEAR.	NEW CASES						DEATHS			
	Respiratory.			Non-Respiratory.			Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	Total. (All Types).	M	F	Total. (All Types).	M	F	M	F
1950	20	19	54	6	9	54	2	—	1	—
1951	22	19	50	3	6	50	4	4	1	—
1952	25	21	55	5	4	55	5	3	2	—
1953	27	17	46	—	2	46	2	1	—	1
1954	27	18	50	2	3	50	2	—	—	—
1955	5	8	17	1	3	17	2	2	—	—
1956	4	6	16	4	2	16	—	3	1	—
1957	10	5	20	3	2	20	—	—	—	—
1958	13	4	18	1	—	18	1	—	—	—
1959	8	3	13	1	1	13	4	—	—	—
1960	11	3	20	3	3	20	1	1	—	—
1961	6	5	12	1	—	12	2	—	—	—
1962	12	2	17	3	—	17	2	1	—	—
1963	6	2	10	2	—	10	2	1	—	—
1964	5	5	12	1	1	12	2	1	—	—
1965	1	2	4	1	—	4	—	—	—	—
1966	3	4	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	—
1967	5	1	6	—	—	6	2	—	—	1

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEYS 1967

TABLE VIII

	Doctors' Referrals			Other Examinees			Total All Groups		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Number Examined	187	189	376	338	437	775	525	626	1,151
Tb. requiring treatment or close clinic supervision	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tb. requiring occasional clinic supervision	2	1	3	—	—	—	2	1	3
Bronchial Carcinoma	3	1	4	1	—	1	4	1	5
All other abnormalities	52	36	88	14	15	29	66	51	117
Total abnormalities	57	38	95	15	15	30	72	53	125

TABLE IX
VACCINATION

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	32	—
1 year	389	2
2-4 years ...	130	6
5-15 years ...	46	120
Totals ...	597	128

International Certificate of Vaccination

Nine hundred and twenty-one certificates requiring the signature of the doctor authenticated were dealt with during the year.

TABLE X

AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE

Infant Welfare Centres, Weighing Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics in
the Uckfield Rural District

<i>Name of Centre</i>					<i>When held</i>
BUXTED					
Reading Room, Buxted	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH					
St. Richard's Church Hall	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
Wesleyan Hall, Croft Road	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S					
Women's Institute Hall, Ghyll Road	...	...	...	...	3rd Thursday in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE AND DANEHILL					
Chelwood Gate Village Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday in each month.
FAIRWARP					
Village Hall, Fairwarp	...	...	...	...	1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW					
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	1st Thursday in each month. (Dr. H. N. Hardy.)
FRAMFIELD					
Memorial Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT					
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE					
King Edward VII Institute Hall, Station Road	...	...	...	...	4th Tuesday in each month.
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM					
King's Hall, Withyham	...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month.
MARESFIELD					
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd Wednesday in each month.
NUTLEY					
Church Hall	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD					
Memorial Institute	...	...	...	...	1st Tuesday in each month.
UCKFIELD					
County Clinic (Infant Welfare)	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. (Dr. J. Felce.)
(Toddlers' Session)	...	...	...	...	3rd Thursday in each month (A.M.).
Ante-Natal Relaxation Class	...	...	...	...	Each Monday and 4th Thursday. (Dr. Harrison.)
WADHURST					
Commemoration Hall, High Street	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. (Dr. Marsh.)

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Immunisation and
Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinics

FOREST ROW					
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	1st Thursday in each month at 2.30 p.m.
MAYFIELD					
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month at 2.30 p.m.
UCKFIELD					
County Clinic	...	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday in each month at 2.15 p.m.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinic

CROWBOROUGH					
Red Cross Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd Monday in each month from 2- 2.30 p.m.

TABLE X (continued)

Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the Southdown Bus Depôt, Pool Valley, Brighton, by 5.15 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, or to the Public Health Laboratory by 6 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services.

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

The stations and ambulances are linked by radio control, which ensures a quicker and more efficient service in accident or emergency cases. The parishes adjacent to Kent County Council are covered by the ambulance service of that authority and all emergency calls along our common boundary are covered by the nearest ambulance to the scene of the emergency.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Crowborough Hill, Crowborough.	Crowborough 4882	2
Forest Row Hartfield	East Court, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 23488	3
Frant Wadhurst	86a, Speldhurst Rd., Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 23222/3	19
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Red Cross Hall, Selby Road, Uckfield.	Uckfield 2913	1

TABLE XI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts ...	1,161
„ „ „ „ „ „ Rent Act, 1957	1
„ „ „ „ „ „ Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	39
„ „ „ „ „ „ Noise Abatement Act, 1960 ...	24
„ „ „ „ „ „ Clean Air Act	9
„ „ „ „ „ „ Pet Animals Act, 1951	8
„ „ „ „ „ „ Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare) Act	19
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	435
Visits to factories (with power 54, without power 7)	61
„ „ „ „ outworkers premises	2
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	132
„ „ „ „ stalls and delivery vehicles	92
Visits to bakehouses	7
„ „ „ „ butchers' shops	59
„ „ „ „ knackers' yards	1
„ „ „ „ fish frying premises	8
„ „ „ „ food premises	274
„ „ „ „ ice-cream premises	10
„ „ „ „ licensed premises	55
„ „ „ „ hop-pickers' lodgings	2
Visits in connection with caravans	21
„ „ „ „ „ „ infectious diseases	133
„ „ „ „ „ „ water supplies	46
„ „ „ „ „ „ rats and mice destruction	3,139
„ „ „ „ „ „ vermin	7
„ „ „ „ „ „ waste foods order	5
„ „ „ „ „ „ schools	2
Miscellaneous visits	173
Interviews	34
No. of drain tests carried out	360
„ „ „ „ water samples taken	26
„ „ „ „ milk samples taken	107
„ „ „ „ ice-cream samples taken	7
„ „ „ „ premises disinfected and disinfested	54
„ „ „ „ preliminary notices served	159
„ „ „ „ „ „ complied with	126
„ „ „ „ „ „ statutory notices served	Nil
„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „ complied with	Nil

TABLE XII

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators during the year.

					<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received ...	...	...	...	...	398	97
No. of premises infested ...	...	...	...	...	341	82
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry					82	—
No. of premises treated by the occupier ...	...	...	...		116	19
No. of dwellings disinfested :						
(a) Dwellinghouses ...	...	...	...	...	165	86
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips) ...	...	...	...	...	27	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises) ...					16	4
(d) Food premises ...	...	...	...	...	3	9
(e) Agricultural premises ...	...	...	...	...	33	14
(f) Schools ...	...	...	...	...	6	2
Total number of visits	...	...	...	...	3,137	

A small decrease in the number of complaints received during the year allowed the two Rodent Operators to devote more time to the survey of farms and other premises likely to harbour vermin.

The number of infestations discovered in this way increased from 56 to 82.

TABLE XIII
FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Sixty-one visits were made to factories during the year; of these fifty-four were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

PREMISES	NO. ON REGISTER	INSPIC- TIONS	NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	15	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	148	54	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	163	61	1	—

Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR	By H.M. INSPECTOR	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	1	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient	—	2	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	—	—	1	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	—	2	—	—	—
TOTALS	1	6	—	1	—

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
Wearing apparel : Making, etc.	2	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE XIV

WATER SUPPLIES

There is an ample supply of main water in the area, and the many analyses of water taken from numerous sources show that the organic purity and bacteriological condition is excellent.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company supply practically the whole of the district, and the fluoride content from all sources is less than 0·1 parts per million.

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	17	17	—
Springs and Wells	6	5	1
TOTALS	23	22	1

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

- Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.
- East Surrey Water Company.
- Mid-Sussex Water Company.

TABLE XV

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1967

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	Buxted	25	874	2,578
	Crowborough	245	4,001	11,803
	Danehill	7	480	1,416
	Fletching	—	239	705
	Forest Row	68	1,188	3,505
	Framfield	3	608	1,794
	Frant	—	379	1,118
	Hadlow Down	5	271	799
	Hartfield	8	642	1,894
	Isfield	5	204	602
	Little Horsted	—	15	44
	Maresfield	17	1,069	3,153
	Mayfield	4	1,158	3,416
	Rotherfield	7	997	2,941
	Uckfield	493	2,383	7,030
	Wadhurst	19	1,444	4,260
	Withyham	10	1,137	3,354
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells	Frant	1	*	—

*Included in the total for Mid-Sussex Water Company.

TABLE XVI

Sewerage and Sewage Purification

Capital expenditure during the past seventeen years on sewerage and sewage disposal works is shown in the following table :—

<i>Year ended 31st March</i>	<i>Total Expenditure £</i>
1951	4,657
1952	15,583
1953	5,526
1954	10,433
1955	6,072
1956	4,787
1957	83,977
1958	70,836
1959	30,398
1960	52,342
1961	71,501
1962	60,014
1963	80,013
1964	136,318
1965	170,309
1966	130,745
1967	63,013
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The Council's programme of capital works has had to be modified in line with the Government policy of restricting capital works to those which are essential in the interests of public health. The following details show the progress which has been made to date.

	<i>Capital Cost £</i>
Works completed up to December 1967	
UCKFIELD AND FIVE ASH DOWN Sewers and new Disposal Works	175,000
CROWBOROUGH (VILLAGE) ... New Trunk Sewers	58,000
UCKFIELD... .. New Trunk Sewer	22,000
UCKFIELD (WEST SIDE) ... Sewer	3,000
BUXTED New Sewer	3,000
Schemes where work is in progress	
ISFIELD Sewers and Pumping Stations	66,000
Schemes approved but not allocated a definite starting date	
FRAMFIELD New Disposal Works, Pumping Main, etc....	36,500
DANEHILL AND CHELWOOD GATE Sewers and Disposal Works... ..	157,000
Schemes in course of preparation and schemes to be prepared	
BLACKHAM (VILLAGE) Sewers and Disposal Works... ..	—
WADHURST (ROCK ROBIN) ... Pumping Station	—
MAYFIELD (MERES) Modernisation of existing works	—
MAYFIELD (CROUCH) Modernisation of existing works	—
CROWBOROUGH AND ROTHERFIELD Modernisation and improvement of sludge	
(REDGATE MILL) drying facilities	—
FOREST ROW Improvements to existing works	—

TABLE XVII
FOOD PREMISES

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

The number and category of food premises in the area is as follows :—

	Number of Premises			
	<i>Total No.</i>	<i>Fitted to comply with Regulation 16</i>	<i>To which Regulation 19 applies</i>	<i>Fitted to comply with Regulation 19</i>
Bakehouses	6	6	6	6
Butchers' Shops ...	30	30	30	30
Cakes, Confectionery and Sweets	40	40	40	40
Greengrocers	22	22	22	22
Grocers and Provisions...	128	128	128	128
Licensed Premises ...	69	69	69	69
Catering establishments	100	100	100	100
Wet Fish Shops	6	6	6	6
Fried Fish Shops ...	4	4	4	4

<i>Improvements at Food Premises during 1967</i>								
Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Display counters improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Drainage systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.

The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	36
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	4
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	238

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959.

Number of persons registered as distributors 43.

TABLE XVIII

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

110½ lbs. of fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
31¼ lbs. of canned meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
15½ lbs. of imported liver and kidneys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
50 lbs. of home killed beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed

Following the breakdown of several frozen food cabinets, a total weight of 855 lbs. of frozen fish, meat, fruit and vegetables was surrendered.

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

TABLE XIX

POULTRY INSPECTION

Number of processing plants in the district	...	...	...	3
Number of visits	...	...	...	38
Total number of birds processed in the year	...	...	6,551,983	
Type of birds processed	...	...	...	Broilers
Percentage rejected as unfit	...	...	...	0.55
Weight condemned as unfit	...	...	...	120 lbs.

TABLE XX

Pet Animals Act 1951.

Four premises are registered under the above Act for the sale of pet animals, and eight visits were made during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.

Number of premises licensed	...	...	19
Number of visits made	...	...	39

TABLE XXI

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Registrations and General Inspections

<i>Class of premises</i>	<i>Number of premises registered during the year</i>	<i>Total number of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</i>
Offices	6	107	18
Retail shops	1	217	3
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	—	1	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	32	—
Fuel storage depots ...	—	1	—
TOTALS ...	7	358	21

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.

<i>Class of workplace</i>	<i>Number of persons employed</i>
Offices	656
Retail shops	836
Wholesale departments, warehouses	15
Catering establishments open to the public	158
Canteens	29
Fuel storage depots	6
Total	1,700
Total males	714
Total females	986

Number of visits of all kinds to registered premises	152
Number of informal notices served	11
Number of informal notices abated	84
Number of accidents reported (slight)	2

TABLE XXII

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	201
	(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	959
2.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
3.		Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	93

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	94
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners	—
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	—
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1967)	—
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
	(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	4
	(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16.	7
	(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners	1

TABLE XXIII

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past eight years :—

<i>Internal.</i>	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Damp floors remedied	104	94	74	73	108	58	37	40
Damp walls remedied	137	144	119	73	146	82	81	53
Floors relaid or repaired	176	167	154	110	146	97	82	89
Walls repaired or cleansed	263	349	322	288	422	319	288	241
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	266	296	316	274	377	305	255	229
Ceiling heights increased	46	26	26	27	20	9	3	3
Lighting improved	113	73	73	47	77	42	13	29
Ventilation improved	112	95	85	51	78	53	15	32
Windows repaired or renewed	184	146	138	69	113	91	37	55
Doors repaired or renewed	75	44	38	17	32	14	6	10
Woodwork repaired or renewed	31	29	29	10	19	10	5	1
Flues and fireplaces repaired	16	14	13	13	16	7	2	4
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	20	20	28	15	21	13	5	7
Washing coppers repaired or provided	1	—	2	2	2	1	—	2
Food stores repaired or provided	87	69	83	42	75	44	39	39
Staircases repaired	35	38	49	26	40	29	21	22
Sinks provided or renewed	59	79	82	63	100	72	67	47
Sink wastes trapped or provided	50	70	80	61	101	73	63	51
Baths and wash basins provided	113	104	121	96	139	99	80	60
Hot water systems provided	113	97	121	93	122	92	72	55
Artificial lighting provided	14	6	—	4	2	2	—	3
Fuel stores provided	5	2	—	1	2	—	—	1
<i>External.</i>								
Walls repaired	67	80	67	48	72	46	36	34
Roofs repaired	74	67	64	43	54	42	40	34
Chimney stacks repaired	47	61	47	32	47	37	30	22
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	60	56	58	40	41	34	22	33
Paving provided or repaired	45	40	33	29	48	30	11	7
Dustbins provided or renewed	1	1	1	2	2	4	—	2
Accumulations removed	5	2	—	4	3	1	2	—
<i>Drainage.</i>								
New systems provided	35	86	35	34	56	31	20	22
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed	77	66	79	63	89	63	46	26
W.C.s provided	81	89	93	85	136	92	77	54
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	15	7	10	7	10	4	10	7
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s	5	4	1	—	1	—	—	—
E.C.s repaired or improved	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—
<i>Water Supply.</i>								
Main supply provided	7	8	4	6	2	5	3	4
Wells repaired, improved or provided	5	1	3	—	1	—	3	1

TABLE XXIV

HOUSES BUILT DURING 1967

During the year sixteen houses were built on behalf of the Council, six hundred and ninety-eight were completed by private enterprise, and nine properties were made available by conversion.

Houses Built by Private Enterprise

Inspections under the Building Bye-Laws have continued to be carried out by the Public Health Inspectors in respect of all building undertaken by private enterprise.

The following table shows how the number of visits has steadily increased since the Public Health Inspectors took over the inspections on 1st March, 1958.

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
FOUNDATIONS	292	484	615	595	596	623	898	1,017	1,042	1,803
SITE CONCRETE	161	236	283	376	340	394	566	746	768	1,196
DAMP PROOF										
COURSE ...	161	284	320	388	381	401	505	731	648	915
DRAINAGE ...	310	665	650	903	883	904	1,120	1,430	1,374	1,674
OTHER VISITS	1,060	2,177	2,197	2,753	2,746	2,756	3,159	4,506	4,609	4,805
TOTAL VISITS	1,984	3,846	4,065	5,016	4,946	5,078	6,248	8,430	8,441	10,393

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